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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER (MPEP Section 713.04)

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

A telephonic interview occurred regarding the above-referenced patent application on November 21, 2002. The participants in the telephonic interview included: Examiner Tamai and for the Applicants, Mr. Daniel Fitzgerald. The Final Office Action dated June 4, 2002 and the Advisory Action dated August 13, 2002 were discussed.

According to the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action, Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC§102(b) as being anticipated by Crowell et al. (U.S. 5,859,482). During the interview, the Section 102 rejection of Claims 1-15 was discussed along with the cited art. The Examiner indicated that the Amendment After Final dated August 5, 2002 would likely not overcome the Section 102 rejection. The Examiner suggested further amending the independent

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claims to further define the present invention to overcome the Section 102 rejection. Applicants have filed an Amendment After Final with an RCE dated November 25, 2002.

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